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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN MAKING MEDICAL
APPOINTMENT

1. TAAG'S (ANGOLAN AIRLINE) NEW VP FOR OPERATIONS, LUIS JORGE LOPES (EX-PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE COL AND FORMER TAP PILOT) HAS ASKED THE POST'S HELP IN ARRANGING MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE U.S. FOR TAAG'S CHIEF PILOT, JAIME DE ALMEIDA SAMPIO. (TAAG WILL PAY ALL SAMPIO'S EXPENSES, ONLY ASSISTANCE IS SCHEDULING AN INITIAL CONSULTATION.) MEDICAL PROBLEM IS NOT SEVERE BUT PERIODICALLY RECURRENT KIDNEY INFECTION. ASIDE FROM MEDICAL PROBLEM, LOPES WANTS SAMPIO OUT OF ANGOLA FOR POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS. FIRST BECAUSE SAMPIO, A MULATTO, IS LINKED TO MPLA AND HASHBEZM PARTICIPATING IN CLANDESTINE ARMS DELIVERIES TO MPLA HERE. SECOND, LOPES WISHES TO HIRE AN AMCIT CHIEF PILOT TO PREPARE TAAG FOR 737 OPERATIONS AND WANTS SAMPIO OUT OF ANGOLA TO FACILITATE THIS. LOPES ALSO FEELS SAMPIO'S ABSENKCE WILL WEAKEN MPLA INFLUENCE AMONG TAAG PERSONNEL AND BELIEVES SAMPIO'S POLITICAL ATTITUDES COULD BE MODIFIED BY EXPOSURE TO THE LIFE IN THE U.S.

2. POST REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE A UROLOGY COMSULTATION FOR SAMPIO IN BOSTON OR N.Y.C. AND CABLE NAME OF M.D. AND DATE ASAP. SAMPIO IS READY TO TRAVEL IMMEDIATELY. LOCAL M.D. SAYS INFECTION IS DRUG RESISTANT "ESCHERICHIVA CALI."

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3. LOPES, WHO APPARENTLY IS ON BOEING'S PAYROLL IN AN

INDIRECT WAY, IS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO CONGEN OFFICERS. HIS
DESCRIPTION OF TAAG'S INTERNAL POLITICS AND THE AIRLINE'S
PORBLEMS ARE AMPLY CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES.
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